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Carlsbad Native Comes Home as BLM Manager

Carlsbad, NM – Tony J. Herrell is returning to Carlsbad in November as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carlsbad Field Office Manager after 10 years with BLM in Tucson, AZ.

Herrell will be responsible for managing almost 2.2 million acres of BLM public lands and an additional 4 million acres of federal mineral estate, including half a million acres of potash. Carlsbad is responsible for the only commercial langbeinite, potash used as fertilizer for citrus and tobacco plants, production in the world. The Field Office also boasts numerous recreation opportunities including extensive caving, and is currently working on managing habitat for special status species.

“No other career offers the opportunity to manage and work with such diverse groups and issues ranging from conservation and protection of natural and cultural resources to minerals management,” Herrell said.

Herrell spent his time in Arizona as a Non-Renewable Resources Supervisor, Assistant Field Manager, and most recently as the Ironwood Forest National Monument Manager. Prior to that he worked as an Oil and Gas Geologist, Solid Minerals Geologist and solid Minerals Chief.

“We are very excited to welcome Tony to the New Mexico BLM management team,” said Associate State Director Jesse Juen. “He has extensive planning and partnership experience and is bringing that to the table along with his strong resource background and minerals knowledge.”

Herrell, who graduated along with his wife from Carlsbad Senior High School, has a BS in Geological Sciences from New Mexico State University and worked doing Hydrocarbon well logging in Oklahoma and Texas before beginning his federal career in 1983. He is also an avid outdoors enthusiast and enjoys hiking, biking, camping and scuba diving.

“For me, managing public resources means getting groups together for open dialogue to gain insight on what matters to the public,” said Herrell. “I am looking forward to coming back to Carlsbad and using my experience to help meet the needs of the public and the resources.”

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